

[No Report.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 21, 1859.

Read twice and committed to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. LEITER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported the following bill :

A BILL

Providing for the examination of claims for Indian depredations in the Territory of New Mexico.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, author-
4 ized and directed to examine into the amount due by the
5 government to the citizens of the Territory of New Mexico
6 for Indian depredations committed therein ; and that he may,
7 if in his judgment it be necessary, direct a commission of
8 three, consisting of the superintendent of Indian affairs, and
9 two Indian agents in said Territory, to proceed to ascertain
10 and report to him upon the validity of such claims ; said com-
1 mission shall have power to send for persons and papers to
2 accomplish the object herein provided for.